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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, EWRB, AU

SUBJECT: AUSTRIA'S SECOND NUCLEAR PROJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF
GOA OFFICIALS TO US

REF: VIENNA 9475 AND 8868

1. GOA SENSITIVITIES REFLECTED REFTEL BASICALLY CAN BE ACCO-
MMODATED BUT ERDA/NRC HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS PREMATURE TRY
TO ESTABLISH DEFINITIVE ITINERARY AT THIS TIME.

VISITS TO USG

FACILITIES, SUCH AS OUTLINED EARLIER, IN PRINCIPLE CAN BE
READILY RESCHEDULED. VISITS TO GE FACILITIES CAN BE RESCHEDULED
BUT WOULD LIKELY BE REDUCED TO SAN JOSE. ERDA PREPARED APPROACH
WESTINGHOUSE IN VIEW POSSIBILITY THEIR BEING CONSIDERED FOR
SECOND PROJECT. WITH RESPECT TO, GENERAL ATOMIC (GA), ERDA BE-
LIEVES APPROACH TO THIS COMPANY UNSUITABLE SINCE COMPANY HAS
RECENTLY WITHDRAWN FROM POWER REACTOR SUPPLY BUSINESS.

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2. FOLLOWING EMBASSY ADVICE REQUESTED:

A. WILL GOA TEAMPLAN ON APPROXIMATE 10-DAY LIMIT, AS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED? (SUCH RESTRICTION INFLUENCES POSSIBILITIES OF VISITS TO COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, IN ADDITION USG FACILITIES AT WASHINGTON, D.C.; OAK RIDGE; RICHLAND AND IDAHO).

B. ON BASIS OF EMBASSY JUDGMENT, HOW NECESSARY IS IT FOR USG OFFICIAL TO ESCORT TEAM? TOPICS OF MAIN INTEREST TO GOA IS REACTOR SAFETY WORK CARRIED OUT BY NRC RATHER THAN ERDA. ERDA NOT IN POSITION FUND ESCORT, NRC UNABLE MAKE COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME, BUT NRC MAY BE INTERESTED IN ACCOMPANYING TEAM TO PORTION OF ITINERARY INVOLVING NRC PROGRAMS/INTERESTS.

C. IN LIGHT ABOVE INFORMATION RE GA, AND IN VIEW POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT WESTINGHOUSE, IS GOA WILLING DELETE VISIT TO GA CALIFORNIA?
WILL WESTINGHOUSE BE DESIRED AS A SUBSTITUTE?

3. ERDA/NRC HOPES GOA WILL BE WILLING TO DEFER ESTABLISHMENT DEFINITIVE ITINERARY UNTIL TENTATIVE DATES PROPOSED. IN ANY CASE, MATTER SHOULD BE DEFERRED PENDING RECEIPT INFO REQUESTED ABOVE.

4. PLEASE INCLUDE ERDA, IN ADDITION NRC, FOR INFO ON ALL COMMUNICATIONS RE THIS MATTER. KISSI
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